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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Rural Business-Cooperative Service

Inviting Applications for the Rural Economic Development Loan and Grant Program for Fiscal Year 2013

AGENCY: Rural Business-Cooperative Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This Notice is to invite applications for loans and grants under the Rural Economic Development Loan and Grant (REDLG) program pursuant to 7 CFR part 4280, subpart A for fiscal year (FY) 2013. Funding to support \$33 million in loans and \$10 million in grants is currently available. The commitment of program dollars will be made to applicants of selected responses that have fulfilled the necessary requirements for obligation.

All applicants are responsible for any expenses incurred in developing their applications.

DATES: Applications received during each month in the USDA Rural Development State Office no later than 4:30 p.m. (local time) on the last business day of each month will be considered for funding the following month in FY 2013.

ADDRESSES: Submit applications in paper format to the USDA Rural Development State Office in the state where your project is located. A list of the USDA Rural

Development State Offices addresses and telephone numbers are as follows:

Alabama

USDA Rural Development State Office
Sterling Centre, Suite 601
4121 Carmichael Road
Montgomery, AL 36106-3683
(334) 279-3400/TDD (334) 279-3495

Alaska

USDA Rural Development State Office
800 West Evergreen, Suite 201
Palmer, AK 99645-6539
(907) 761-7705/TDD (907) 761-8905

Arizona

USDA Rural Development State Office
230 N 1st Ave., Suite 206
Phoenix, AZ 85003-1706
(602) 280-8701/TDD (602) 280-8705

Arkansas

USDA Rural Development State Office
Federal Building
700 West Capitol Ave., Room 3416
Little Rock, AR 72201-3225
(501) 301-3200/TDD (501) 301-3279

California

USDA Rural Development State Office
430 G Street, Agency #4169
Davis, CA 95616-4169
(530) 792-5800/TDD (530) 792-5848

Colorado

USDA Rural Development State Office
Denver Federal Center
Building 56, Room 2300
P.O. Box 25426
Denver, CO 80225-0426
(720) 544-2903/TDD (800) 659-3656

Delaware-Maryland

USDA Rural Development State Office
1221 College Park Drive, Suite 200
Dover, DE 19904
(302) 857-3580/TDD (302) 857-3585

Florida/Virgin Islands

USDA Rural Development State Office
4440 NW 25th Place
P.O. Box 147010
Gainesville, FL 32614-7010
(352) 338-3402/TDD (352) 338-3499

Georgia

USDA Rural Development State Office
Stephens Federal Building
355 E. Hancock Avenue, Stop 300
Athens, GA 30601-2768
(706) 546-2162/TDD (706) 546-2034

Hawaii

USDA Rural Development State Office
Federal Building, Room 311
154 Waianuenue Avenue
Hilo, HI 96720
(808) 933-8380/TDD (808) 933-8321

Idaho

USDA Rural Development State Office
9173 West Barnes Dr., Suite A1
Boise, ID 83709
(208) 378-5600/TDD (208) 378-5644

Illinois

USDA Rural Development State Office
2118 West Park Court, Suite A
Champaign, IL 61821
(217) 403-6200/TDD (217) 403-6240

Indiana

USDA Rural Development State Office
5975 Lakeside Boulevard
Indianapolis, IN 46278
(317) 290-3100 ext. 4/TDD (317) 290-3343

Iowa

USDA Rural Development State Office
Federal Building, Room 873
210 Walnut Street
Des Moines, IA 50309
(515) 284-4663/TDD (515) 284-4858

Kansas

USDA Rural Development State Office
1303 SW First American Place, Suite 100
Topeka, KS 66604-4040
(785) 271-2700/TDD (785) 271-2767

Kentucky

USDA Rural Development State Office
771 Corporate Drive, Suite 200
Lexington, KY 40503
(859) 224-7300/TDD (859) 224-7422

Louisiana

USDA Rural Development State Office
3727 Government Street
Alexandria, LA 71302
(318) 473-7921/TDD (318) 473-7655

Maine

USDA Rural Development State Office
967 Illinois Avenue, Suite 4
P.O. Box 405
Bangor, ME 04401-2767
(207) 990-9160/TDD (207) 942-7331

Massachusetts/Rhode Island/Connecticut

USDA Rural Development State Office
451 West Street
Amherst, MA 01002-2999
(413) 253-4300/TDD (413) 253-4590

Michigan

USDA Rural Development State Office
3001 Coolidge Road, Suite 200
East Lansing, MI 48823
(517) 324-5190/TDD (517) 324-5169

Minnesota

USDA Rural Development State Office
375 Jackson Street, Suite 410
St. Paul, MN 55101-1853
(651) 602-7800/TDD (651) 602-3799

Mississippi

USDA Rural Development State Office
Federal Building, Ste 831
100 West Capitol Street
Jackson, MS 39269
(601) 965-4316/TDD (601) 965-5850

Missouri

USDA Rural Development State Office
601 Business Loop 70 West
Parkade Ctr., Ste. 235
Columbia, MO 65203
(573) 876-0976/TDD (573) 876-9480

Montana

USDA Rural Development State Office
2229 Boot Hill Court
P.O. Box 850
Bozeman, MT 59715
(406) 585-2530/TDD (406) 585-2562

Nebraska

USDA Rural Development State Office
Federal Building, Room 152
100 Centennial Mall N
Lincoln, NE 68508
(402) 437-5551/TDD (402) 437-5093

Nevada

USDA Rural Development State Office
1390 South Curry Street
Carson City, NV 89703-9910
(775) 887-1222/TDD (775) 885-0633

New Jersey

USDA Rural Development State Office
5th Floor North, Ste 500
8000 Midlantic Drive
Mt. Laurel, NJ 08054
(856) 787-7700/TDD (856) 787-7784

New Mexico

USDA Rural Development State Office
6200 Jefferson Street NE, Room 255
Albuquerque, NM 87109
(505) 761-4953/TDD (505) 761-4938

New York

USDA Rural Development State Office
441 South Salina Street, Suite 357
Syracuse, NY 13202-2541
(315) 477-6400/TDD (315) 477-6447

North Carolina

USDA Rural Development State Office
4405 Bland Road, Suite 260
Raleigh, NC 27609
(919) 873-2000/TDD (919) 873-2003

North Dakota

USDA Rural Development State Office
Federal Building, Room 208
220 East Rosser
P.O. Box 1737
Bismarck, ND 58502-1737
(701) 530-2037/TDD (701) 530-2113

Ohio

USDA Rural Development State Office
Federal Building, Room 507
200 N. High Street
Columbus, OH 43215-2418
(614) 255-2400/TDD (614) 255-2554

Oklahoma

USDA Rural Development State Office
100 USDA, Suite 108
Stillwater, OK 74074-2654
(405) 742-1000/TDD (405) 742-1007

Oregon

USDA Rural Development State Office
1201 NE Lloyd Blvd., Suite 801
Portland, OR 97232
(503) 414-3366/TDD (503) 414-3387

Pennsylvania

USDA Rural Development State Office
One Credit Union Place, Suite 330
Harrisburg, PA 17110-2996
(717) 237-2299/TDD (717) 237-2261

Puerto Rico

USDA Rural Development State Office
IBM Building, Ste 601
654 Munos Rivera Avenue
San Juan, PR 00918-6106
(787) 766-5095/TDD (787) 766-5332

South Carolina

USDA Rural Development State Office
Strom Thurmond Federal Building
1835 Assembly Street, Room 1007
Columbia, SC 29201
(803) 765-5163/TDD (803) 765-5697

South Dakota

USDA Rural Development State Office
Federal Building, Room 210
200 4th Street SW
Huron, SD 57350
(605) 352-1100/TDD (605) 352-1147

Tennessee

USDA Rural Development State Office
3322 West End Avenue, Suite 300
Nashville, TN 37203-1071
(615) 783-1300

Texas

USDA Rural Development State Office
Federal Building, Ste 102
101 South Main
Temple, TX 76501
(254) 742-9700/TDD (254) 742-9712

Utah

USDA Rural Development State Office
Wallace F. Bennett Federal Building
125 South State Street, Room 4311
Salt Lake City, UT 84138
(801) 524-4324/TDD (801) 524-3309

Vermont/New Hampshire

USDA Rural Development State Office
87 Main Street, Suite 324
P.O. Box 249
Montpelier, VT 05601
(802) 828-6031/TDD (802) 223-6365

Virginia

USDA Rural Development State Office
Culpeper Building, Ste 238
1606 Santa Rosa Road
Richmond, VA 23229
(804) 287-1551/TDD (804) 287-1753

Washington

USDA Rural Development State Office
1835 Blacklake Boulevard, SW, Suite B
Olympia, WA 98512-5715
(360) 704-7740/TDD (360) 704-7760

West Virginia

USDA Rural Development State Office
1550 Earl Core Road, Suite 101
Morgantown, WV 26505
(304) 284-4860/TDD (304) 284-4836

Wisconsin

USDA Rural Development State Office
5417 Clem's Way
Stevens Point, WI 54482
(715) 345-7671/TDD (715) 345-7614

Wyoming

USDA Rural Development State Office
100 East B Street, Room 1005
P.O. Box 11005
Casper, WY 82601
(307) 233-6700/TDD (307) 233-6733

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Please contact the USDA Rural Development State Office provided in the ADDRESSES section of this Notice where the project will be located.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Overview

Federal Agency: Rural Business-Cooperative Service.

Solicitation Opportunity Type: Rural Economic Development Loans and Grants.

Announcement Type: Initial Announcement.

Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Number: 10.854.

Dates: Application Deadline: Completed applications must be received in the USDA Rural Development State Office no later than 4:30 p.m. (local time) on the last business day of each month to be considered for funding in the following month in FY 2013.

I. Funding Opportunity Description

A. Purpose of the Program. The purpose of the program is to promote rural economic development and job creation projects.

B. Statutory Authority. These programs are authorized under 7 CFR part 4280, subpart A. Assistance provided to rural areas, as defined, under this program may include business startup costs, business expansion, business incubators, technical assistance feasibility studies, advanced telecommunications services and computer networks for medical, educational, and job training services and community facilities projects for economic development. Awards are made on a competitive basis using

specific selection criteria contained in 7 CFR part 4280, subpart A. Information required to be in the application includes an SF-424, "Application for Federal Assistance;" a Resolution of the Board of Directors; AD-1047, "Debarment/Suspension Certification;" Assurance Statement for the Uniform Act; Restrictions on Lobbying, AD 1049, "Certification Regarding Drug-Free Workplace Requirements;" Form RD 400-1, "Equal Opportunity Agreement;" Form RD 400-4, "Assurance Agreement;" Seismic Certification (if construction); Form RD 1940-20, "Request for Environmental Information;" RUS Form 7, "Financial and Statistical Report;" and RUS Form 7a, "Investments, Loan Guarantees, and Loans," or similar information; and written narrative of project description. Applications will be tentatively scored by the State Offices and submitted to the National Office for review.

Definitions

C. Definition of Terms. The definitions applicable to this Notice are published at 7 CFR 4280.3.

D. Application awards. The Agency will review, evaluate, and score applications received in response to this Notice based on the provisions found in 7 CFR 4280, subpart A and as indicated in this Notice. However, the Agency advises all interested parties that the applicant bears the burden in preparing and submitting an application in response to this Notice..

II. Award Information

Type of Awards: Loans and Grants.

Fiscal Year Funds: FY 2013.

Total Funding: Loans - \$33 million; Grants - \$10 million

Maximum Award: The following are maximum amounts per award: Loans - \$2,000,000; Grants - \$300,000.

Award Dates: The last day of the month following the month in which application was received.

III. Eligibility Information

A. Eligible Applicants

Loans and grants may be made to any entity that is identified by USDA Rural Development as an eligible borrower under the Rural Electrification Act. In accordance with 7 CFR 4280.13, applicants that are not delinquent on any Federal debt or otherwise disqualified from participation in these programs are eligible to apply. An applicant must be eligible under 7 U.S.C. 940c. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, any former Rural Utilities Service borrower that has repaid or prepaid an insured, direct or guaranteed loan under the Rural Electrification Act of 1936, or any not-for-profit utility that is eligible to receive an insured or direct loan under such Act, shall be eligible for assistance under section 313(b)(2)(B) of such Act in the same manner as a borrower under such Act. All other restrictions in this Notice will apply.

B. Cost Sharing or Matching

For loans, either the Ultimate Recipient or the Intermediary must provide supplemental funds for the project equal to at least 20 percent of the loan to the

Intermediary. For grants, the Intermediary must establish a Revolving Loan Fund and contribute an amount equal to at least 20 percent of the Grant. The supplemental contribution must come from Intermediary's funds which may not be from other Federal Grants, unless permitted by law.

C. Other Eligibility Requirements

Applications will only be accepted for projects that promote rural economic development and job creation.

D. Completeness Eligibility

Applications will not be considered for funding if they do not provide sufficient information to determine eligibility or are missing required elements.

IV. Fiscal Year 2013 Application and Submission Information:

A. Address to Request Application Package

For further information, entities wishing to apply for assistance should contact the Rural Development State Office identified in this Notice to obtain copies of the application package.

Applicants are encouraged to submit grant applications only through the Grants.gov Web site at: <http://www.grants.gov>. Applications may be submitted in either electronic or paper format. Users of Grants.gov will be able to download a copy of the application

package, complete it off line, and then upload and submit the application via the Grants.gov Web site. Applications may not be submitted by electronic mail.

- When you enter the Grants.gov Web site, you will find information about submitting an application electronically through the site as well as the hours of operation. USDA Rural Development strongly recommends that you do not wait until the application deadline date to begin the application process through Grants.gov. To use Grants.gov, applicants must have a Dun and Bradstreet Data Universal Numbering System (DUNS) number which can be obtained at no cost via a toll-free request line at 1-866-705-5711 or at <http://www.dnb.com>.
- You may submit all documents electronically through the Web site, including all information typically included on the application for REDLGs and all necessary assurances and certifications.
- After electronically submitting an application through the Web site, the applicant will receive an automatic acknowledgement from Grants.gov that contains a Grants.gov tracking number.
- USDA Rural Development may request that the applicant provide original signatures on forms at a later date.
- If applicants experience technical difficulties on the closing date and are unable to meet the deadline, you may submit a paper copy of your application to your respective Rural Development State Office. Paper applications submitted to a Rural Development State Office must meet the closing date and local time deadline.

- Please note that applicants must locate the downloadable application package for this program by the Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Number or FedGrants Funding Opportunity Number, which can be found at <http://www.grants.gov>.

B. Content and Form of Submission

An application must contain all of the required elements. Each selection priority criterion outlined in 7 CFR 4280.42(b), must be addressed in the application. Failure to address any of the criteria will result in a zero-point score for that criterion and will impact the overall evaluation of the application. Copies of 7 CFR part 4280, subpart A, will be provided to any interested applicant making a request to a Rural Development State Office listed in this Notice. An original copy only of the application is to be field with the Rural Development State Office for the State where the Intermediary is located.

C. Submission Dates and Times

Application Dates: No later than 4:30 p.m. (local time) on the last business day of each month to be considered for funding in the following month.

Explanation of Dates: Applications must be in the USDA Rural Development State Office by the dates as indicated above.

V. Application Review Information

The National Office will score applications based on the grant selection criteria and weights contained in 7 CFR part 4280, subpart A, and will select an Intermediary

subject to the Intermediary's satisfactory submission of the additional items required by that subpart and the USDA Rural Development Letter of Conditions.

VI. Award Administration Information

A. Award Notices

Successful applicants will receive notification for funding from the Rural Development State Office. Applicants must comply with all applicable statutes and regulations before the loan/grant award will be approved. Provided the application and eligibility requirements have not changed, an application not selected will be reconsidered in three subsequent funding competitions for a total of four competitions. If an application is withdrawn, it can be resubmitted and will be evaluated as a new application.

B. Administrative and National Policy Requirements

Additional requirements that apply to Intermediary's selected for this program can be found in 7 CFR part 4280, subpart A. Applicable provisions of 7 CFR parts 3015, 3019, and 3052 also apply.

VII. Agency Contacts

For general questions about this announcement, please contact your USDA Rural Development State Office provided in the ADDRESSES section of this Notice.

VIII. Paperwork Reduction Act

In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the information collection requirement contained in this Notice is approved by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) under OMB Control Number 0570-0024.

Federal Funding Accountability and Transparency Act

All applicants, in accordance with 2 CFR part 25, must have a DUNS number, which can be obtained at no cost via a toll-free request line at 1-866-705-5711 or online at <http://fedgov.dnb.com/webor>. Similarly, all grant applicants must be registered in the System for Award Management (SAM) prior to submitting an application. Applicants may register for the SAM at <http://www.sam.gov>. All recipients of Federal financial grant assistance are required to report information about first-tier sub-awards and executive total compensation in accordance with 2 CFR part 170.

Corporate Felony Convictions and Corporate Felony Tax Delinquencies

Applications from corporate applicants submitted under this Notice must include Form AD 3030, “Representations Regarding Felony Conviction and Tax Delinquent Status for Corporate Applicants.” Corporate applicants who receive an award under this Notice will be required to signed Form AD 3031, “Assurance Regarding Felony Conviction or Tax Delinquent Status for Corporate Applicants.”

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Persons with disabilities, who wish to file a program complaint, please see information above on how to contact us by mail directly or by email. If you require alternative means of communication for program information (e.g., Braille, large print, audiotape, etc.) please contact USDA's TARGET Center at (202) 720-2600 (voice and TDD).

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Acting Administrator
Rural Business-Cooperative Service

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